Melting of Ice Lingam at Amarnath

2371. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the causes for melting of Ice Lingam at Amarnath;

(b) whether Government propose to restrict the number of pilgrims to Amarnath to minimize the impact of human activity on the natural environment of that region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, no such assessment has been conducted.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Reduction in presence of armed forces in J and K

2372. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the break-up details of armed forces and Central police forces in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether Government is under undue pressure for reducing the present strength of armed forces in J and K by their ally;

(c) if so, what is the basis of their demand;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a Committee to look into the aspects of reducing the forces in the valley; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRABLASH JAISWAL): (a) The security forces have been deployed in Jammu and Kashmir depending upon the overall security scenario and availability of these forces. It is not in public interest to indicate further details with regard to the forces and their level of deployment.

(b) to (e) There have been demands and reports, from time to time, about reduction in the level of security force deployment in Janrniu and Kashmir in view of the overall improvement in the security environment. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground. In this context, it has been

decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to examine the overall situation and security forces deployment in the light of the approach of the Government as stated above and to determine whether there is need to relocate and reconfigure the existing security forces deployment.

Police protection to witnesses

2373. SHRI ABU ASM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of witnesses in murder or other serious cases facing threat to their lives, have not been given police protection in capital;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases including the details of the cases where these persons had given evidences;. .

(c) whether any such witness had sought the intervention of the Delhi High Court for police protection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) According to Delhi Police, police protection is provided to the witnesses in murder or other heinous crimes, facing threat to their lives, either on their own demand or on the orders of the courts. In following seven cases, ten witnesses were ordered by the Delhi High Court to be provided protection which was duly provided:

1. In FIR No. 192/02 under section 302 IPC registered at Police Station Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P., police protection provided to Smt. Neelam Katara.

2 In FIR No.289/06 under sections 302/201/34 IPC and 25/54/59 Arms Act, registered at Police Station Sarai Rohilla, police protection provided to (i) Shri Vijay Kumar and (ii) his son Shri Rohit Kumar.

3. In FIR No.887/06 under sections 302/307/34/120 B IPC and 25/27 Arms Act registered at Police Station Punjabi Bagh, police protection provided to Shri Bhupender Singh.

4. In FIR No.32/1997 under Sections 307/394/397/411/34 IPC registered at Police Station Man Sarover Park, police protection provided to Ms. Pragati Seth.

5. In FIR No.374/2003 under Sections 376/34 IPC registered at Police Station Khajoori Khas, police protection provided to Ms. Sonia.

6. In FIR No.334/2001 under sections 364-A/302/34 IPC, registered at Police Station Gokal Puri, police protection provided to (i) Shri Virender Singh and (ii) Shri Hukum Singh.